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COMMISSION ON POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION (Comments by Governor Tom Judge)

It is understandable that many persons within the Montana higher education community view the imminent Commission on Post-Secondary Education with some trepidation. Not that there is any preconceived notion that any particular institution or curriculum ought to be eliminated, but the very process of intensive investigation, evaluation and recommendation in a sense "clears the decks" and creates for a while an atmosphere of uncertainty. ----- I hope that the Commission will evaluate all components of the state's post-secondary system fairly, recommend quality standards for the institutions and continuation of all kinds of programs, resolve several questions regarding governance, develop an accountability system that makes sense on campus as well as to the state budget office, consider the need for (and implications of) a truly graduated system from the vo-tech centers through the two universities, and investigate a wide range of innovative techniques that will enable us to reach new clientele groups and streamline and improve our delivery system generally. ----- Old assumptions upon which we have based our support for post-secondary education will have to be dusted off and examined to see if they still hold true. The validity of much of our base line data should be re-evaluated. ----- The tasks of the Commission will be extraordinarily difficult. Somehow three critical elements -- quality control, expanded educational opportunity, and fiscal responsibility -- will have to be woven into a coherent set of recommendations and implementation plans that will ensure our young people the best possible set of options for quality education that the taxpayers of Montana can afford. I am confident that the members of the

Commission and their staff will have the talent, perspective and sense of the public interest appropriate to the challenge.

PROGRAMS

An estimated 3,250 graduates will be receiving degrees during spring commencement exercises at the University System's six units. The schedule of exercises is: University of Montana - June 10, 2 p.m., Harry Adams Fieldhouse; Montana State University - June 9, 10 a.m., Fieldhouse; Montana Tech - June 3, 3:30 p.m.; Western Montana College - June 9, 10 a.m.; Northern Montana College - May 27, 2:30 p.m.

The MONT-WAMI regional medical education program, which will see first-year medical courses initiated at Montana State University this fall, may also include continuing education services for health professionals in Montana. WAMI administrators from the University of Washington School of Medicine are laying plans to relay courses by color television designed to help physicians and allied health personnel keep abreast of recent advances in medicine and basic sciences. ----- MSU's Special University Attendance Program enables high school students to take college-level courses for credit during summer quarter. MSU holds grades and credits until notified of the student's graduation from high school, then releases them to whatever college or university he attends. Students wishing to enroll in the program must have recommendations from their high school principals or guidance counselors. ----- "Shakespeare in the Park" presentations by MSU's Theatre Arts program will begin in early July.

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Max J. Kennard, Vice-President of the Parsons-Jurden Corporation, New York City, will be commencement speaker at Montana Tech's graduation exercises, June 3rd.

"Challenges of the Next Quarter of a Century" is the title of Kennard's address.

----- For the first time in its history, Montana Tech will conduct a full-fledged summer school. Formerly only two courses were offered during the summer months; this year Tech will be offering an additional 65 courses. ----- The seventh annual Minerals Conservation-Petroleum Workshop, jointly sponsored by Montana Tech and the Montana Petroleum Association, and coordinated by Dr. Wm. G. Halbert, will be June 11 through July 6th at Eastern Montana College. College credit available to elementary and secondary teachers will provide a working knowledge of the petroleum industry and its importance to Montana's industry.

Field testing of Trade and Industrial Competency exams will be conducted on campus at Northern Montana College on Friday and Saturday, May 26 and 27th. As a test center for the national consortium NMC will administer ten exams for field testing purposes after which the results of the exams will be statistically reviewed and standardized on a national basis to serve as a means of screening future potential teachers from the trades and industry. ----- The NMC science department has received a National Science Foundation grant for continuation of work begun last year. Under the direction of Dr. Everett Pitt, NMC will be heading a Cooperative College School System Program of science at the elementary school level. Cooperating in the program will be Mr. Alan Nicholson, State Science Supervisor, the University of Montana, and Eastern Montana College.

U.S. District Judge George H. Boltdt, a 1926 graduate of the University of Montana Law School and chairman of the national Pay Board since its inception in 1971, has donated his personal copies of the Pay Board records to the UM library archives. ----- UM will establish July 1 a Center for Student Development, which will consolidate counseling services now offered by four separate campus offices. ----- Round River, an experimental program in environmental studies at UM will continue next year as a two-quarter program rather than a one-year program.

Western Montana College played host to 150 members of the Montana Academy of Sciences April 27-28 with delegates from Montana colleges, universities and high schools joined by representatives from the University of Lethbridge, Alberta.

Special seminars and workshops highlight summer sessions at the six Montana University System units. The summer schedules follow: University of Montana - June 11-15, pre-session and June 16 - August 17, regular session; Montana State University - June 18 - August 17; Montana Tech - June 18 - July 17, first session and July 18 - August 17, second session; Western Montana College - June 18 - August 17; Northern Montana College - June 13 - July 13, first session and July 16 - August 15, second session.

PERSONNEL

Edward W. Nelson, Executive Secretary of the Montana University System, has notified the Board of Regents that he will terminate his employment with the State on June 30, 1973. He has served as Executive Secretary of the Montana University System since July 1, 1965.

A chapter from Dr. Harrison Lane's book "Gunfire In a June Afternoon," will be published in the spring issue of "Montana, A Magazine of Western History." The title will be "Brush, Palette and the Death in the Dust." Dr. Lane is a Northern Montana College professor.

Dean of Students, Robert R. Fedore, who has been at the University of Montana since 1970, has resigned, effective June 30. Fedore will assume duties as Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, College of Osteopathic Medicine, Michigan State University. ----- Fred Shafizadeh, professor and director of the Wood Chemistry Laboratory at UM, has been awarded an \$85,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to continue his investigation into the chemistry of cellulosic fires. ----- Four UM faculty members are retiring June 30. They are Emma Briscoe, associate professor of home economics; Maurine Clow, associate dean of students and psychology professor; Earl Lory, professor of chemistry, and John Peterson, professor of mathematics

and computer science. ----- Richard R. Adler, assistant professor of English at UM, has been chosen to receive the UM Alumni Association's Teacher of the Year award. He was chosen by the students of the University chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, a national scholastic honorary. ----- Two UM alumni will receive honorary doctoral degrees during commencement ceremonies June 10. The recipients are Dorothy M. Johnson, a Missoula author and former journalism faculty member, and U.S. Senator Lee Metcalf. ----- Wayne Woolston, who has been UM's registrar since 1970, is resigning his position to enter private business on the west coast. Succeeding him will be Emma B. Lommasson, Assistant Registrar for the past 27 years.

Montana State University Dean of Students, Max Worthington, retires June 30, ending a long association with the school that began in the late 1920's as a member of the famed Montana State Golden Bobcat basketball team. For 27 years he was on the faculty as a teacher, coach and administrator. ----- Receiving honorary doctoral degrees during MSU's annual commencement exercises June 9, will be former Montana Senator Burton K. Wheeler, Merrill G. Burlingame, Montana historian and professor emeritus of history at MSU, and Eugene L. Grant, professor emeritus of civil engineering at Stanford University and a former MSU engineering faculty member. ----- MSU's Sigma Xi research awards for 1973 went to plant pathology professor Gary Strobel (faculty award) and Rebecca Martin Dobrowski, senior in microbiology from Hobson (student award). ----- Two MSU members, physics professor F. D. Lee and elementary education professor Fred Stefanich, will be visiting professors this summer at an eight-week institute conducted at the University of Washington by well known science educator, Arnold Arons. They will incorporate Arons' innovative approaches to science education into a similar program at MSU. ----- Dr. Dean Manning, MSU Botany and Microbiology Department, has been awarded a National Institute of Health postdoctoral research fellowship. He is studying immunology of transplantation of normal tissues and the formation of malignant tumors.

Professors Clifford Laity and Ralph Smith will be retiring from the Montana Tech

faculty at the completion of this academic year. Professor Laity has served as Head of the Humanities and Social Science Department and Chairman of the Arts and Sciences Division. Professor Smith joined the Metallurgy Department in 1946 and has done extensive research in the field of evaluation of Montana clays and their potential. ----- Dr. Larry Twidwell, associate professor of Metallurgy at Montana Tech, is the recipient of an \$18,000 research grant from the National Science Foundation which will provide for two years comprehensive research in the field of metallurgy. His work will be directed toward understanding the thermo-chemical behavior of particles in liquid metallic solutions.

Dr. Samuel E. Davis, professor of music at Western Montana College, is the new chairman of the Montana University System's Faculty Council. Davis was voted a two-year term during the Council's spring meeting May 4 at Northern Montana College.

----- The spring issue of "Montana, A Magazine of Western History" features an article by WMC professor Stanley Davison. The lead article, entitled "The Author Was a Lady" clarifies confusion existing as to the sex of B. M. Bower, who in 1904 gained fame with Western novel, "Chip of the Flying U." Sixty-six of Bower's 67 novels have been collected by WMC President James Short and contributed to the WMC library.

----- A \$5,000 "Maier Miller Memorial Scholarship" is being established at WMC. Miller, 33, a Western athletic great from 1958-1962 died April 10, at Polson where he had taught and coached since 1964. Heading the scholarship fund drive is George Nelson, Belgrade High School coach and a former WMC teammate of Miller's.

STUDENTS

Montana University System students elected officers for the coming year. Officers are: University of Montana - Garry South, junior, Miles City; Montana State University - Vaughn Baker, junior, Billings; Montana Tech - Thomas K. Hohn, senior, Helena; Eastern Montana College - Andrew Small, junior, Billings; Western Montana College - Tom Tucker, sophomore, Stevensville; Northern Montana College - Dan Falcon, senior, Havre.

Five University of Montana students were among those honored by a Montana House of Representatives resolution commending the student's work as legislative interns during the 1973 session. ----- Alice Brinkerhoff of UM placed fifth in the 880-yard run in the finals of the national women's collegiate track championships May 12. Mindy Sharp, also of UM, finished eighth in the 440 finals. ----- UM milers Doug Darko, Hans Templeman and Terry Pitts all compiled times under 4:10 at a meet at Spokane Falls Community College May 12. ----- The first edition of "Cutbank" a literary magazine in paperback form, has been published by the Associated Students of the UM.

Montana State University students staged a 48-hour dance marathon in early May to raise money for the muscular dystrophy fund. Contributions totaled \$6,684. The marathon was sponsored by the MSU Panhellenic Council and dedicated to John Spitzer, a student who died of muscular dystrophy. ----- The MSU student yearbook captured a national award of excellence this spring--its first since the legendary 1933 Montanan took a nationwide prize. At the Rocky Mountain Collegiate Press Association convention, the 1972 Montanan received the General Excellence Award, taking first among 127 other college yearbooks. Editor of the book was Larry Thompson.

CALENDAR

The MSU Chaff and Dust Club sponsored two successful public seminars this spring, both designed to help Montanans plan for orderly development of their recreation lands. ----- Wayne Houston, junior MSU English major from Kalispell, earned a gold medal superior award in oral interpretation at the national speech tournament sponsored this spring in Omaha, Nebraska by Pi Kappa Delta speech honorary.

Mark Davis, Montana Tech, was among 225 college students at the third annual National Student Symposium on the Presidency, sponsored by the Center for the Study of the Presidency.

June 9 - UM - ROTC commissioning, 10 a.m.,
Music Recital Hall
June 10-16 - WMC - Montana Boys State
June 17-22 - MSU - 3rd Annual Adult Chamber
Music Festival
June 18-22 - MSU - Women's Week
June 19-23 - MSU - Nat'l College Rodeo Finals
June 20 - EMC - George B. Leonard, Lecturer,
8:15 p.m., Library 148
July 5 - EMC - Earl Scruggs Review, 8:15
p.m., Physical Education Building
July 8-11 - MSU - Annual Meeting, American
Society of Animal Science
July 8-20 - WMC - Basketball Camp
July 10 - EMC - Victor Buono, Lecturer,
8:15 p.m., Library 148
July 21-22 - EMC - Nat'l Junior Olympics
July 23-28 - MSU - Student Chamber Music
Festival

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